

What is claimed is:

1. A method for training and grooming an animal comprising the steps of:

- (i) providing an enclosure having an entrance portal;
- (ii) introducing an object attractive to said animal into said enclosure;
- (iii) providing an adjustable aperture leading to said object;
- (iv) mounting grooming members on said adjustable aperture;
- (v) adjusting said adjustable aperture from an initially relatively large

aperture to a progressively smaller aperture as the animal becomes progressively more accustomed to entering said enclosure and passing through said aperture.

2. The method as claimed in Claim 1 in which said object attractive to said animal comprises food.

3. The method as claimed in Claim 1 in which said grooming members comprise at least one brush.

4. The method as claimed in Claim 1 in which said grooming members comprise a plurality of removable brushes.

5. The method as claimed in Claim 1 in which said enclosure comprises a transparent enclosure.

6. The method as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of introducing a maze passageway between said portal and said object.

7. The method as claimed in Claim 6 in which said maze passageway comprises an adjustable maze passageway.

8. The method as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising the step of introducing an open container having foot cleaning material into said enclosure.

9. The method as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of introducing a container holding litter into said enclosure.

10. The method as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising the step of introducing a nail grooming pad in to said enclosure.

11. The method as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising the step of introducing an electrostatically charged plate in said enclosure for attracting loose debris from said animal onto said electrostatically charged plate.

12. The method as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising the step of introducing a supply of water into said enclosure.

13. The method as claimed in Claim 6 further comprising the step of providing at least one grooming member mounted on said maze passageway.

14. The method as claimed in Claim 1 in which said step of mounting grooming members on said adjustable aperture further comprises adjustably mounting said grooming members.

15. The method as claimed in Claim 7 further comprising the step of progressively narrowing said adjustable maze passageway as said animal becomes progressively more accustomed to passing through said adjustable maze passageway.

16. The method as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising the step of:

- (i) providing a first level in said enclosure; and

- (ii) providing a second level in said enclosure; and
- (iii) providing a ramp communicating between said first and said second levels.

17. The method as claimed in Claim 6 in which enclosure and said adjustable maze passageway comprises a plurality of removable outer plastic walls and a plurality of inner mesh walls.

18. The method as claimed in Claim 17 further comprising the step of progressively removing said outer plastic walls as the animal becomes accustomed to passing through said adjustable maze passageway.

19. The method as claimed in Claim 18 further comprising the step of progressively removing said inner mesh walls as the animal becomes accustomed to passing through said adjustable maze passageway.

20. An automatic animal grooming, feeding and litterbox apparatus comprising:
an enclosure;
a source of food disposed in said enclosure;
a portal formed in said enclosure;
a grooming brush means disposed between said portal and said source of food.

21. The apparatus of Claim 20 further comprising:
a first level in said enclosure;
a second level in said enclosure;
ramp means disposed leading from said first level to said second level.

22. The apparatus of Claim 20 in which said enclosure comprises:

a solid wall panel;

a mesh wall panel; and

an accordion wall panel.

23. The apparatus of Claim 22 in which said solid wall panel, said mesh wall panel, and said accordion wall panel are each removable from said enclosure.

24. The apparatus of Claim 20 further comprising a maze disposed between said portal and said food source with said grooming brush means disposed in said maze.

25. The apparatus of Claim 24 in which said maze is adjustable.

26. The apparatus of Claim 21 in which said ramp means further comprises nail grooming means.

27. The apparatus of Claim 26 in which said nail grooming means comprises:
an abrasive layer; and

a flexible mesh layer disposed spaced away from said abrasive layer.

28. The apparatus of Claim 20 in which said grooming brush means further comprises:

a grooming brush and an elastic support supporting said grooming brush.

29. The apparatus of Claim 20 in which said grooming brush means comprises:
a grooming brush comprising a plurality of hollow bristles.

30. The apparatus of Claim 29 in which said hollow bristles further comprise a plurality of barbs.

31. The apparatus of Claim 29 further comprising:
 - a powder storage means;
 - air delivery means communicating with said powder storage means and said plurality of hollow bristles for delivery of powder from said powder storage means through said hollow bristles.
32. The apparatus of Claim 20 in which said grooming brush means comprises a plurality of curved bristles.
33. The apparatus of Claim 20 further comprising litterbox means mounted in said enclosure.
34. The apparatus of Claim 20 further comprising air conditioning means mounted in said enclosure.
35. The apparatus of Claim 34 in which said air conditioning means comprises humidifier and temperature control means.
36. The apparatus of Claim 34 in which said air conditioning means comprises vaporizer means.
37. The apparatus of Claim 34 in which said air conditioning means comprises a pair of spaced apart conductive plates and electrostatic generator means connected to said conductive plates.
38. The apparatus of Claim 34 further comprising:
 - sensor means; and
 - control means disposed in said enclosure for sensing the position of an animal in said enclosure and operating said air conditioning means.

39. The apparatus of Claim 22 further comprising:
a second enclosure; and
connector means for connecting said enclosure to said second enclosure to
form a combined enclosure.
40. The apparatus of Claim 20 in which said enclosure comprises an upper grid
plate and a lower grid plate.
41. The apparatus of Claim 20 further comprising:
open container means mounted in said enclosure; and
clay material disposed in said open container means.
42. The apparatus of Claim 20 further comprising:
a portal closure with said portal closure comprising a pair of flexible
panels; and
a magnetic closure removably connecting said flexible panels.
43. The apparatus of Claim 20 in which said grooming brush means further
comprises shedder means mounted in said grooming brush means.
44. The apparatus of Claim 20 further comprising:
sonic generator means for generating sonic energy with said sonic generator
means mounted on said enclosure for dissuading an animal from entering selected areas
of said enclosure.
45. The apparatus of Claim 20 in which said grooming brush means
comprising:
a plurality of brushes disposed forming an aperture.

46. The apparatus of Claim 20 in which said grooming brush means comprises a plurality of brushes disposed forming an adjustable aperture.

47. The apparatus of Claim 20 further comprising at least one brush support frame.

48. The apparatus of Claim 20 further comprising a pair of brush support plates with each plate defining an aperture and with said pair of brush support plates defining a common aperture.

49. The apparatus of Claim 20 in which said brush grooming means comprises:
a slotted flexible brush plate having a front and a rear;
a pair of solid plates each having an aperture with said solid plates mounted one in front and one in the rear of said slotted flexible brush plate.

50. The apparatus of Claim 20 further comprising a plurality of electrical outlets disposed in said enclosure for powering equipment connected to said electrical outlets.